THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Government have received representations from trade Unions/Organisations for amending the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965. A proposal for enhancing the eligibility and computation ceilings under the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 is under the active consideration of Government.

Plight of Women workers

6810. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of the women quarry workers and their babies:

(b) if so, the steps taken to remove their plight; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Survey of women labourers in small scale industries

6811. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey on employment of women labour in small scale industries, educational agencies viz. Anganwadi, day care home, police force, super bazar, hospitals etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof statewise as on 30th April, 1995:

(c) the steps taken by Government for education, training and welfare of the women labour; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to introduce any policy on women working awareness and resources of self reliance?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Government have not conducted any survey on employment of women labour in different sectors so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education) have brought under implementation several programmes for providing special access to education all levels for women. Objectives of these programmes are universalisation of Elementary Education, vocationalisation of post secondary education and modernization of polytechnic and higher technical education.

The National Vocational Training Institute (NVTI) Noida (UP) and the six Regional Vocational Training Institutes (RVTIs) for women in different parts of India impart basic and advanced levels of vocational training to women. Special attention is also given for the modernisation and establishment Women's Training Institutes (ITIs) under the World Bank aided Vocational Training Project. A Women's Cell under the Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGE&T) is also coordinating with the States in the matter of Vocational Training of Women.

Statutory provisions have been made in certain labour laws for organising child care centres for the benefit of women workers. The Ministry of Labour has launched a scheme to provide grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations to encourage employers to established creche facilities for women industrial workers. The objective is to ensure that employers do not minimise employment of women on considerations of cost involved in providing creches. The scheme also enablies employers/establishments who are not statutorily required to provide the creches to avail of the facilities under the scheme.